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Unfortunately, we cannot get along with a heatless day here in Vermont.

There was not much chance to save daylight to-day because there was not much to save.

The Jacob Jones men went to their death with all the fortitude of a John Paul Jones. And that was enough.

Whenever anything comes up in the granite industry throughout the United States, there is always evidence that Barre leads.

It is a coincidence that most of our unusual weather visitations are coming during the week ends. The cold waves start on Saturday and the heavy snow-fall comes on the same day.

"Germany Withdraws Christmas Peace Terms," says a newspaper heading. So far as the allies are concerned, they were not aware that Germany had offered any peace terms—real peace terms.

Vermont again split in the national House when it came to a vote on the woman's suffrage federal amendment. Greene of the first district voting against the resolution and Dale of the second district being recorded in the majority.

The Barre branch of the Red Cross is getting considerable advertising. Nothing like publicity to start something, and in this instance, we believe it will start knitting.—Waterbury Record.

Excuse us for making the suggestion—but we have been knitting right along. So how can we "start knitting"? You have been misinformed, neighbor.

J. J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, is proving to be the right man for the place because he keeps persistently after the government and the fuel consumer—after the former to get more coal diverted into New England, after the latter to prevent needless waste of the coal once it is delivered to this section.

A former Barre man sends from his present home in Connecticut a clipping from a paper there, which tells of a Vermont lumberjack appearing on Jan. 4 at New Britain with a request for registration under the draft law, the lumberjack stating that he had just heard there was a military registration last June and that no one in his camp back in Vermont knew anything about it. We refer that to the marines.

THEY ARE COMING TO VERMONT, AND WHY.

A real estate dealer doing business chiefly on the eastern side of the state announces the sale of 43 farms during the past calendar year, and as he announces the names and residences of the purchasers his statement makes an interesting study. Of the 43 purchasers 32 were from out of the state, and as individuals are not buying up Vermont farm land just for the privilege of holding it the presumption is that the 32 intend to carry on the properties they have acquired. A further interesting sidelight is that the 32 purchasers came from a dozen different states and Canada, some coming from the far Middle West and one from the most southwestern state of the union, although the majority were from the neighboring states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. These statistics go to show that while Vermont is being seriously drained by the call of war, either on the field of battle or in shops which have to do with the making of war materials, there nevertheless is a sizeable inflow of population devoted, chiefly, to the pursuits of agriculture. Most of these newcomers will become closely identified with the life of their separate communities and will serve to make up the losses which are being felt right along. Their coming means that the number of abandoned farms will not be increased. In the situation there is much for Vermont people to find encouragement.

That the people who are selling Vermont farms are letting some good opportunities slip and that purchasers are coming into excellent chances is well demonstrated by the annual report of the United States department of agriculture, by means of which we are informed that Vermont was surpassed in 1917 by only one state in the corn yield per acre; that the state stood eighteenth in the oats yield per acre; the state was exceeded by a single state in the rye yield per acre; the state stood eighth in the spring wheat yield; that it was twelfth in barley; that it stood at the top in buckwheat per acre; that it was twentieth in potato production; that in tobacco yield per acre it stood second; that only eleven more states produced more hay to the acre; that the state raised more beans than Massachusetts and Indiana put together and was far above the average and, finally, that Vermont raised an apple crop of \$1,543,000 last year. In short, the total value of the eleven products enumerated was \$33,522,000 in 1917, as compared with \$32,780,000 for the

To-night

All deposits in our Savings Department made before the bank closes to-night at 8 o'clock will draw interest from Jan. 1 at 4 per cent.

Open Saturday and Monday evenings from 7 to 8.

Peoples National Bank of Barre

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Points Out Some Republicans in Service.

Editor of Barre Times:

Several times editorials have appeared in your paper indicating that the government was using only Democrats and not Republicans for present emergency. Partisanship has gone so much out of fashion that we do not even know the politics of many of the men conducting government work. But we do know that the president selected two able Republicans, W. H. Taft and H. P. Davison, to conduct the activities of the Red Cross and another well known Republican, Garfield, as fuel administrator. As to politics of Hoover, the food administrator, Hurley, ship administrator, Goethals, traffic administrator for army supplies, and the many able men giving their entire time on advisory and managing boards at Washington, no mention at all has been made. We cannot forget that Root, probably the ablest Republican statesman, was given the most difficult problem to date in his mission to Russia, and that two of the ablest business men of the country, Vanderbilt, who is acting as right hand man for McAdoo, and Davison, who conducts the business end of the Red Cross, are both Republicans.

The only basis for criticism mentioned seems to rest wholly on Roosevelt's failure to conduct the war personally on his own terms, which so far as is publicly known consisted of his demand to lead a personal army in France, though probably he would consent to take the president's place if he would resign. Co-operation, conciliation, tact and steadiness are the qualities chiefly demanded of national administrators and advisers in present emergency; qualities which Mr. Roosevelt, in the past, has seemed to be lacking in. He has a reputation more for starting a row and calling names, than for pulling steady in harness, treating his collaborators as superiors, or even as equals. In fact he makes himself impossible by his inability to subordinate, and since the army authorities did not give him an army in France his general attitude has been that of hostility rather than support to his government's administration of affairs, and forms basis for untold criticism and squibs like your editorial which led me to write the foregoing.

Bethel, Vt.
 [The editorial to which Mr. Wilson refers undoubtedly has two ex-presidents, who might be of considerable service to the government at the present juncture. Of course, Taft is connected with the Red Cross, but his work there is not in a governmental capacity; and so far as we are aware Taft never has been called into council by the present administration on war affairs. As to Roosevelt, there is still a wide difference of opinion among the American people, whether or not he would mess things up; if he were called to some sort of service; but we are inclined to think that Roosevelt would put just the sort of "punch" into American war activity which is greatly needed at the present time, acting, of course, in complete co-operation with President Wilson and the administration. We do not think the majority of the American people would like to have Roosevelt in the president's chair at the present time, but they would like to see him put a little of his characteristic "go" into the plans now being carried out.—Ed.]

Let Us Tell You Something

If you are in need of a Mattress, you had better buy now. The condition of the cotton market is such that we will not be able to get good mattresses later on, if we can get them at all.

We have just unloaded two full carloads of the different grades and will sell them for the present at the old prices. All grades from \$4.00 to \$22.00 each, 10 per cent. discount. Take our advice and buy now.

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"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"The time has come to conquer or submit. For us there is but one choice. We have made it."—President Wilson.

If the boy fails to leave a copy of this, the semi-annual poetry number of The Colyum, at your door, notify the editor. Extra copies may be ordered at the counting house.

Everything that pertains to Robert Burns has a place of its own. So the following address to auld Rabbie on his pedestal for the school yard begins here:

Pit On Yer Specs.

(Inspired by thoughts on the approaching anniversary.)
 Robbie Burns, ye mair be cauld
 Stannin there auld sae lang,
 Leat a while yer quate auld warld—
 Gang hame wi' me an gie a sang.

Ye've stood there syn ninety-eight,
 Mid summer's het an winter's snaws,
 The pyats roon ye built their nests,
 Noo, the eerie cauld wind blaws.

Step down aff that auld granite stane,
 An dauner up the brae wi' me;
 Come on, Rob, we'll soon be hame,
 An hae a wee drap bralae-bree.

We'll ramble over Scotland, cronie,
 Mang fern clad glens, wat wi' dew,
 Alang Maxwellton Braes sae bonnie,
 Nane kenned sae weel, freen, as you.

Again we'll speed up gray Craignair,
 To view Dalbeattie, dale o' biches,
 Dark Barcosh, an Sreel aye fair,
 Despit her phantoms, warlocks, witches.

On tae Dumfries, Queen o' the South—
 We wadna skip that town awa,
 There we'll quench our wae some drouth,
 Wi' anither dram at the Hole i' the wa'.

North we'll hie like Scots what hae,
 Had just a drappie in oor ee—
 Ye'll no come doon? Is't that ye say?
 Then it's "a' the road ma lane" for me.
 —Nostalg, 1918.

Dr. D. J., a citizen of this town, came down with an attack of poetic inspiration and, before he could recover, had produced this—

Kulture, a terrible wretch of prey,
 A dagger by night, a peace message by day,
 Sheer essence of hell, sent forth with the devil's might
 To scourge mankind and the earth to blight.

Even women and babes are ground 'neath its heel,
 No mercy for priest or church,
 All must feel its steel.

A snake in the grass, poisoning friend and foe,
 Nothing stays in his path, all to the devil must go.

(To be continued.)

Green Mountain Echoes.

L. V. Fisher possesses a very bright horse. She carries the dinner to the men, working a mile away, and returns to her home, all with no driver.—Cornwall item.

The traveling concert company made only a short stay in our village. They passed on to greener pastures in the middle of the week.—West Hartford item.

With the mercury hovering around 40 and 50 below that car of coal at the station looked like a godsend.—Newbury item.

The moon is lighting our streets at night, the electric company having shut off the lights for a time to conserve coal.—Quebec item.

Will Williams and Caleb Harrington seem to be the true sportsmen, having shot 12 foxes. They got \$144 for the pelts.—West Monkton item.

One man was heard Sunday morning to report on weather conditions at his home near the village as 40 below out of doors and 50 below in the kitchen.—Roxbury item.

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My Tuesdays are meatless
 My Wednesdays are wheatless.
 I am growing more eatless each day.
 My home it is heatless.
 My bed it is sheetless.
 They are all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
 The barrooms are treatless.
 My coffee is sweetless.
 Each day I grow poorer and wiser,
 My stockings are feetless,
 My trousers are seatless.
 My God, how I hate the Kaiser!

Quick, Watson, the Demi-Surgery Needle.
 Sylvester Howe has a "built in" smile;
 It's a boy, born Jan. 2.—Unbridge item.

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Quick Action

if you are going to get one of these

Coats at About 1-2 Their Real Value

We're closing out all lines of our Ready-Made Clothing and all lines are reduced to Overcoats, Suits, Pants, etc. Watch this space for the next 30 days—and save some good money—also keep an eye on our windows; many discontinued lines and odd lots at bargain prices.

ALL lines of merchandise are sure to be higher. It will pay you to look around.

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FIXTURES FOR SALE—1 cabinet, 4 tables, 6 racks, 1 showcase.

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Have you been in and looked over our bargain tables? We can save you some money.

One whole rack of new boots this winter, but only two or three pairs of a style left. These are high cut and exceptional values.

One lot last season's Shoes, in Gun Metal, Patent and Tan. These are a little lower cut, but the stock in them is better than you will get again for a long time.

One Lot of Ladies' 3-buckle Over-Shoes, Sizes 2 1-2 to 5, at \$1.94

Many other good values in Men's, Ladies' and Children's Felt Slippers, Men's Sheepskin Shoes, etc.

COME IN TO-DAY.

Rogers' Walk-Over Boot Shop

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SCOLD YOURSELF NOW FOR WASTING MONEY

Later, when your best working years are gone, "vain regrets" will avail you nothing. The joyful reward of economy and frugality is worth the little effort required. We're anxious to help you acquire the "laying-up" habit and urge you to join our

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